

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Celebrated By Mt. Zion Lodge, No.
9, F. & A. M.

At The Masonic Temple Fri-
day Evening

An Appropriate Program Was
Carried Out

In The Presence Of Over
300 Members

Several Interesting Address-
es Were Made

And Delightful Musical Num-
bers Rendered

Followed By Refreshments
And A Smoker

Altogether Making A Great
Event In Masonry

Most appropriate exercises marked the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Mt. Zion lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons in the Masonic Temple on Friday evening, Jan. 7. This centennial celebration was an event which brought together more Masons than perhaps ever gathered in the present Masonic Temple. It was an evening of enjoyment and pleasure to everyone in attendance. The handsomely redecorated and refurbished temple was shown to great advantage and the program of the evening was all that could be desired. However, there were two disappointments in reference to the program—the absence of William B. Melish of Cincinnati, past grand master, and Grand Master Perry, the former being detained at his home in Cincinnati on account of the illness of his wife and the latter on account of his own sickness.

Although it was nearly 7:30 o'clock before the program of the evening was commenced, shortly after 5 o'clock the brethren commenced to gather at the temple and at once formed into line for the purpose of registering. A committee, consisting of Secretary Samuel H. Peterman and Messrs. L. E. Rawlinson and Frank VanVoorhis, was in charge of the desk where each Mason was required to register and receive a souvenir badge and program before they were admitted to the lodge.

The souvenir badge was exceedingly handsome and consisted of two parts—the upper being a picture of the old court house in Mt. Vernon—the first place of which there is any record where the first Masonic lodge met in Mt. Vernon. The lower portion of the badge consisted of the picture of the present temple with the inscription 1810-1910. The badges were of metal.

The line was formed for the purpose of registering shortly after five o'clock and it was 7:30 before all the brethren had registered and were supplied with the souvenir badge and program.

Members of the reception committee were stationed on the first floor and welcomed all Masons as they entered the door and directed them to the upper floor—the lodge room, where the exercises were held.

On the upper floor there were members of the reception committee who extended a hearty welcome to the brethren and assisted in seating all present.

At six o'clock the lodge was opened with Worshipful Master John S. Alan in the chair and the full corps of officers. The regular routine business was transacted. The lodge room was filled to its utmost capacity. All the chairs and settees were occupied and in addition camp chairs were placed about the room in rows of three and four deep and these were occupied by

the members of the order.

A taxicab conveyed the older members of the lodge to the temple and they were assigned seats on the rostrum. Among those seated on the rostrum was William B. Brown, sr., the oldest member of Mt. Zion lodge, who was made a member in the year 1854. Others seated on the rostrum were the speakers of the evening.

The musical feature of the program was the finest ever heard in the city and consisted of splendid musical numbers by Neddermeyer's orchestra of Columbus, personally conducted by Prof. Fred Neddermeyer. Each member of the orchestra was a Mason, being a member of some Columbus lodge. The other pleasing musical feature was the Masonic quartette, composed



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Where the Centennial Celebration of
Mt. Zion Took Place

of Messrs. George B. Kelley, William Gower, Norman Turner and George Mitchell.

Each selection was unusually well rendered and the members of the quartette were compelled to respond to an encore after each selection.

After the conclusion of the excellent program the lodge was closed in due form and all present were invited to the banquet room where a buffet luncheon was served under the direction of the standing committee, consisting of Messrs. Russell J. Ash, O. Poppleton and James L. Leonard.

During the latter hours of the evening Neddermeyer's orchestra was stationed in the lobby and discoursed a program of musical numbers until the early hours of the morning. The club rooms and the billiard room were thrown open and many stayed until a late hour to listen to the musical program and enjoy an hour of social intercourse.

The centennial celebration was an event of which the members of Mt. Zion lodge may well be proud of and none went away dissatisfied.

A Pleasing Incident

Prior to the commencement of the centennial exercises, a very pleasing incident occurred during the session of the lodge when Past Master Frank O. Levering presented to the lodge a beautiful set of working tools, the trowel bearing an inscription of the presentation. The magnificent present was accepted on behalf of the lodge by Past Master Charles C. Iams.

The Exercises

The exercises were of an exceedingly interesting character and enlisted the rapt attention of the large number of Masons present.

In an exceedingly neat address Worshipful Master John S. Alan welcomed all present to this one hundredth anniversary celebration of the lodge.

A Disappointment

The next number on the program was an address by Grand Master B. F. Perry Jr., and it was with a great deal of regret that Worshipful Master Alan announced the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master on account of illness.

Historical Address.

Much of the interest in the celebration attached to the address of L. Tate Cromley, the historian of the occasion. Mr. Cromley's address was exceedingly exhaustive, going

into considerable detail of the history of Mt. Zion lodge, and showing much careful research. Its delivery was listened to with much interest and attention. From the address the following facts are taken:

The Ohio Masonic grand lodge was organized at Chillicothe in January, 1809. On the second day of the grand communication, the 24 day of January of that year, it was voted to grant a dispensation for the erection of Mt. Zion lodge, No. 9, and on the 30th day of January, 1809, a dispensation was issued to Mt. Zion lodge, No. 7, but an order was immediately issued withholding it. At the communication of the grand lodge in January of the next year, at Chillicothe, it was again voted to issue the dispensation, which was accordingly signed on the 8th day of January, 1810. The lodge was instituted in Clinton. There are no records to show in what building the first meeting were held, but in 1812 the lodge moved into Smith's brick house, between the Fredericktown and Mansfield roads, which house is still standing and is known as the residence of the late Uriah Walker. The lodge occupied part of the attic of this house.

January 9, 1812, at the communication of the grand lodge, it was ordered that the grand secretary renumber the lodges under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge, beginning with No. 2, and at the grand lodge communication in 1813 Mt. Zion lodge No. 9, was first mentioned, Ichabod Nye being the delegate. The number 7 was used in the records of the lodge until Oct. 20, 1814, after which the number 9 was used. The charter or warrant was lost in 1816, and a reward of \$5.00 was offered for its recovery. The officers' jewels purchased in 1813 are still preserved in the archives of the lodge.

In 1815 permission was asked to move the lodge to Mt. Vernon, the grand master issuing a proclamation granting the request March 7, 1817. The first meeting in Mt. Vernon was held in the court house on the public square April 5, 1817. On the 4th of September, 1818, a committee was appointed to superintend the erection of a joint school house and lodge room. The township trustees built the first story and the lodge the second, at a cost of \$187.83½. This building was on North Mulberry street, and was demolished in 1830 to make room for the residence of former Mayor W. B. Brown, sr., who is the oldest living member of the lodge. He was initiated Dec. 27, 1854, passed Jan. 5, 1855, and raised Feb. 15, 1855.

The lodge moved into this new building June 23, 1818. The grand lodge in 1824 confirmed Mt. Zion's charter, and ordered that the lodge should take rank and precedence from Jan. 8, 1810.

Mt. Zion in 1837 moved into the Huntsberry block on S. Main street now known as the McDermott block. The lodge was incorporated in February, 1847, by special act of the legislature, and its corporate seal was adopted Dec. 27, 1850. The semi-centennial of the lodge was celebrated June 23, 1860, by a Masonic festival in Trimble's grove at the north end of Main street. The cabaret organ now preserved as a relic was purchased in May, 1866, at a cost of \$140.

In 1872 the lodge moved into the upper room of what is now known as the First National bank building, then owned by Hon. C. Delano. The Mt. Vernon Masonic Temple Co. was organized in February, 1888, the present temple was dedicated April 21, 1892, and the first regular communication of the lodge in its present quarters was held May 10, 1892.

Wm. B. Melish's Address

The next address on the program was to have been delivered by Past Grand Master William B. Melish of Cincinnati, but he was detained at home on account of illness in his family, but at the request of the committee he sent his address which was read by Prof. George F. Welda of Kenyon college. It was a beautiful address and concluded with the

sentiment: "In the Sublime Lodge Eternal, presided over by the Grand Master of the Universe, called from labor to refreshment, I hope to be with you—an hundred years from now."

Dr. Jones' Address

An exceedingly interesting address was that delivered by Rev. H. W. Jones, Dean of Bexley Seminary, Gambier. It was along philosophical lines and its whole tone was uplifting.

Committee Thanked

At this point a formal motion was made by Brother Lewis B. Houck of Bladensburg lodge and seconded by Brother C. M. Rice of Danville lodge that a vote of thanks be tendered the centennial committee for the splendid program that had been arranged for the occasion. Chairman Iams responded on behalf of the committee.

This concluded the exercises in the lodge room and refreshments and a smoker followed in the club rooms below, it being a late hour before all departed and the centennial celebration of Mt. Zion lodge, No. 9, had gone into history.

The Program

Lodge opening.
Music—The Grand Mogul (Luders)—Neddermeyer's orchestra.
Invocation—The Rev. W. E. Hull, chaplain.
Music—The Last Rose of Summer (J. A. Parks)—Masonic quartet.
Address of Welcome—J. S. Alan, Worshipful Master.
Address—B. F. Perry, Jr., grand master of Ohio Masons.
Music—In Days of Old (Adams)—Masonic quartet.
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FIRST KNOWN HOME OF MT. ZION LODGE, NO. 9, F. & A. M.
In the attic of this house, built in Clinton in 1808 for an hotel by Samuel H. Smith, and still standing, the meetings of Mt. Zion lodge were held after 1812. Mr. Smith being the Master. The lodge met in this attic until the removal of the lodge from Clinton to Mt. Vernon. This cut is from a photo by Lloyd in December, 1909.

Tate Cromley, historian.

Music—Remember Now Thy Creator (Rhodes)—Masonic quartet.
Address—The Past, Present and Future: The Cycle of a Hundred Years—William B. Melish, 33d deg., Cincinnati, past grand master.
Music—The Glow Worm (Paul Lincke)—Neddermeyer's orchestra.
Address—The Masonic Order and Society During a Hundred Years—The Rev. H. W. Jones, D. D., 32 deg., Gambier.

Lost Chord—(J. A. Parks)—Masonic quartet.
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The Red Mill (Herbert).
Believe Me, if All Those Endearing Young Charms (Moore).
The Flatterer (Chaminade).
It Happened in Nordland (Herbert).
Cavatina (Raff).
Elsie Janis—The Fair Co-Ed (Luders).
Hungarian Romance (Bendix).
Schubert's Serenade—Standchen (Schubert).
Merry Widow Waltz (Lehar).
The Roses' Honeymoon (Bratton).
Chaloupee Valse (Offenbach).
Hungarian Lullaby (Deppler).
Amouresse—French Valse—Tres Lente (Berger).
Lelita (Cameron).

Corlin O. Baum, junior steward
Rev. William E. Hull, chaplain
Standing Committee, C. A. Beck, p. m., Frank L. Young, Russell J. Ash, p. m.
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Those Who Registered
The following is a complete list of those who registered and were in attendance at the centennial celebration of the lodge on Friday evening. The names given are members of Mt. Zion lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M. unless otherwise stated:
Chas. C. Iams, p. m., chairman centennial committee; Frank Harper, treasurer centennial committee; Samuel H. Peterman, secretary centennial committee; James L. Leonard, Oren Poppleton, R. S. Hull, F. O. Levering, Russell J. Ash, L. Tate Cromley, John S. Alan, W. M. W. B. Brown, Henry C. Devin, Wm. Walsh, John A. Cassil, Almon F. Stauffer, Jed S. Montis, S. G. Dowds, Geo. E. Beene, R. S. Devol, Amos Row, W. E. Grant, W. H. May, Chas. F. Hall, C. P. Gregory, Geo. A. Moore, Fred W. Vohl, James Neibarger, C. O. Beum, J. F. DeVoe, Dan F. McFeely, L. Clyde White, Clinton N. Williams, J. W. Jones, Elwell O. Mead, Geo. E. Mitchell, H. M. Patterson, F. C. Craig, Chas.



B. F. PERRY, JR.
Grand Master of Ohio, who was on
The Program.



WILLIAM B. MELISH
Past Grand Master of Ohio, who Pre-
pared an Address for the Occasion.



REV. H. W. JONES
Who Was One of the Interesting
Speakers at the Centennial.



REV. WILLIAM E. HULL
The Chaplain of Mount Zion
Lodge

The Centennial Committees

General—Chas. C. Iams, chairman; Frank Harper, treasurer; S. H. Peterman, secretary; L. T. Cromley, Oren Poppleton, Robert S. Hull, Wm. B. Brown, sr., F. O. Levering, J. S. Alan, H. C. Devin, R. J. Ash, J. L. Leonard.

Program—Frank Harper, chairman; J. S. Alan, O. Poppleton.

Music—H. C. Devin, chairman; F. O. Levering, Frank Harper.

Reception—J. S. Alan, chairman; W. E. Grant, R. M. Greer, Jed S. Montis, D. F. McFeely, W. E. Sanderson, L. T. Cromley, H. J. Shipley, Ben Ames, J. A. Schaeffer, L. F. West, G. O. Cooksey, J. B. Waiglit, I. M. Wolverton, R. B. Armstrong.

Refreshments—R. J. Ash, chairman; O. Poppleton, James L. Leonard.

THEN AND NOW

First Officers of the Lodge 1810

Samuel H. Smith, worshipful master

Alfred Manning, senior warden

Ichabod Nye, junior warden

Samuel Nye, treasurer

Oliver Strong, secretary

Wm. F. Roberts, senior deacon

Jas. Miller, junior deacon

Richard Fishback, tyler

William Bartlett, senior steward

Peter Wolf, junior steward

Present Officers of the Lodge 1910.

John S. Alan, worshipful master

Jed S. Montis, senior warden

Daniel F. McFeely, junior warden

Lyle Tate Cromley, treasurer

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lodge, No. 388.

Hugh C. Bell, Licking lodge, No. 391,

Utica.

R. P. Ransom of Mt. Vernon, Lams

lodge, No. 205.

C. M. Gray of Mt. Vernon, York

lodge, No. 563.

W. H. Tissot of Mt. Vernon, Wellin-

ton lodge, No. 127.

Dewitt D. Spitzer of Columbus, York

lodge, No. 563.

F. E. Huntsberger of Delaware, Hl-

ram lodge, No. 18.

L. O. Newcomer of Mt. Vernon, Can-

ton (Pa.) lodge, No. 415.

Chas. M. Tigner of Jonesboro, Ind.,

Jonesboro lodge, No. 391.

J. C. Clark of Mansfield, O., Venus

lodge, No. 152.

Geo. E. Cooke of Fredericktown,

Cluster lodge, No. 38.

W. Clossen of Sunbury, Sparrow

lodge.

G. D. Arndt of Mt. Vernon, Center

Star lodge, No. 11, Granville.

M. J. Emerson, Coshocton, O.

P. P. Baughman, Roseville, O.

O. B. Stinwell of Mt. Vernon, Ches-

ter lodge, No. 238.

C. H. Winans of Mt. Vernon, Shady